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1. The Hauptverwaltung fuer Ausbildung (Main Administration for Training), Berlin, assigned former regular officers and NCOs who applied for VP service, personally or by letter, to the VP Bereitschaften and schools, giving them VP officer and non-commissioned ranks.
2. As an example, three ex-officers and one technical sergeant of the German 31st Arty Regt, Halberstadt (M 52/D 27), were assigned as gunnery instructors to VP units in Gloewen (M 53/Y 98), Treuenbrietzen (N 53/Z 50), Jueterbog (N 52/E 69) and Stendal (M 53/Y 85). They were to train police with light field howitzers, model 18, and in battery service.
3. Former artillery, antitank and infantry officers were in demand at the time of observation.
4. Only a few VP candidates were inducted at the time of observation.

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